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CHESBRO CALLS GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET "GOOD FIRST STEP"

SACRAMENTO – Senator Wesley Chesbro (D-Arcata) today called Governor Gray Davis' proposed 2001-02 State Budget "a good starting point, but more needs to be done for California." The Governor released his \$104 billion proposed budget today at a press conference in Sacramento.

"The proposed budget is a good starting point, but the Governor has been very cautious," Chesbro stated. "As we get better revenue information, I expect the Legislature to add to the budget in areas that his proposal has not adequately funded. For example, I think low-income energy assistance program needs a substantial increase in funding to help fixed income Californians pay their inflated utility bills."

The Governor's \$104 billion proposed budget focuses primarily on energy and education. The proposed budget contains over \$1 billion for energy efficiency and cost reduction programs. However, there are no specifics on how that funding should be spent.

Education was a bigger winner again this year with \$53 billion in all for education. "I am pleased to see the Governor put more money into teacher training, while maintaining college student fees and fully funding the newly expanded Cal-Grant program," Chesbro added.

The Governor's proposed budget also includes:

- \$201.5 million to expand coverage to adult parents of eligible children for either Healthy Families or Medi-Cal.
- \$7.9 million for Healthy Families Outreach.
- \$58.8 million for Substance Abuse Treatment Trust Fund required under Prop. 36.
- \$121.3 million for Community Organizations for Public Safety, with a minimum of \$100,000 per grant for small cities and counties.
- \$121.3 million for juvenile justice prevention grants, with a minimum of \$100,000 per grant for small cities and counties.

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- \$75 million for Technology Grants for local law enforcement, with a minimum of a \$100,000 per grant.
- \$73 million for subventions to local agencies for flood control expenses.

Local projects that have also been included in the Governor's proposed 2001-02 budget:

- Restoration money for the **Jack London State Park in Sonoma County** (\$161,000).
- Up-grades for the Campgrounds at **Patrick's Point State Park** in Humboldt County (\$1,127,000).
- Rehabilitation studies at the **Point Cabrillo lighthouse** on the Mendocino Coast (\$290,000).
- Prairie Creek in Humboldt County, Public use facilities (\$186,000).
- The Sinkyone State Wilderness Park watershed restoration (\$1.2 million).
- Sonoma Coast State Park Trail Development (\$600,000).

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